

## **Board Member for Survivors' Secretariat**

**Position Title:** Board Member

**Reports to:** Survivors' Secretariat Board of Directors

**Classification:** 6 - 10 hours per month

### **Organization Description**

The Survivors' Secretariat was established in 2021 to organize and support efforts to uncover, document and share the truth about what happened at the Mohawk Institute during its 140+ years of operation.

### **Board Member Description**

As a Survivor-led organization, the Board of Directors plays a critical role in guiding and directing the operations of the Survivors' Secretariat. The Board employs an Indigenous model of consensus-building and works collaboratively to advance the mission and ensure accountability to Survivors and impacted communities.

### **Responsibilities & Duties**

- Provide strategic guidance and oversight to the Secretariat's operations and activities.
- Act as an ambassador for the Survivors' Secretariat, fostering strong relationships with the community, governments, and other stakeholders.
- Uphold trauma-informed practices and promote cultural respect in all decision-making processes.
- Collaborate with the Secretariat to ensure adherence to the principles of OCAP® (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession) and safeguard Indigenous Data Sovereignty.
- Attend and actively participate in all Board meetings (virtual, teleconference, and in-person when feasible).
- Support the Secretariat's efforts to build partnerships and advance initiatives aligned with Survivors' priorities.

### **Qualifications & Experience:**

- **Must be** a Survivor or Intergenerational Survivor of the Mohawk Institute. (Preference will be given to Survivors.)
- Previous experience serving on a Board or Committee is an asset.
- Familiarity with the legacy of residential schools, including the Mohawk Institute, and an understanding of trauma-informed practices.
- Demonstrated cultural knowledge and an ability to work collaboratively within Indigenous and diverse communities.
- Strong communication, leadership, and relationship-building skills.
- Demonstrated experience and or understanding trauma informed practice.

### **Time Commitment**

- Two or more meetings per month, with a mix of virtual, teleconference, and occasional in-person sessions.

## **Application Process**

All applicants must complete an Application Form, which can be accessed:

Online: Download the application [here](#)

Email Request: [info@survivorssecretariat.ca](mailto:info@survivorssecretariat.ca)

Applicants can submit their Application Form:

E-mail: [info@survivorssecretariat.ca](mailto:info@survivorssecretariat.ca)

In Person: Drop off an application at the Ohsweken Post Office (1721 Chiefswood Drive) PO Box 460, Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0 Attn: Board of Directors

For further information, please contact [info@survivorssecretariat.ca](mailto:info@survivorssecretariat.ca) or visit our website – [www.survivorssecretariat.ca](http://www.survivorssecretariat.ca).